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U.S. Rep. John Campbell (R-Irvine), a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee said, "This legislation will modernize a number of benefits to meet the current challenges faced by many veterans. As a supporter of the bill, I am glad that so many Members of Congress worked together to approve this important legislation which provides aid to many of the brave men and women who have served our nation."

Some key provisions in this bill would:

- •Create a 5-year pilot program to provide disabled veterans temporarily living with family members with funds for adaptive housing improvements.
- •Extend free post-separation Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (SGLI) coverage for totally disabled veterans from 1 to 2 years through September 30, 2011. On October 1, 2011, the coverage would be reduced to 18 months. After coverage expires, the veteran can convert to either Veterans' Group Life Insurance or a commercial policy.
- •Reauthorize the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program for FYs 2007 through 2009.

Expand outreach efforts by the Veterans Affairs Administration to provide information to
employers about the skills possessed by veterans and promote the advantages of hiring
veterans and disabled veterans.

•Provide VA with the flexibility to prescribe interest rate caps on certain VA adjustable rate mortgage loans.